

# FUTURE DOCTRINE - ARMY XXI, ONGOING

## Proponent

The proponent for this initiative is the DCSDOC , U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

## Web Site Location

Updates to this initiative may be accessed from the TRADOC publication page at <http://www-tradoc.mil/publica.htm>.

## Definition

*U.S. Army Vision - The world's best army, a full spectrum force trained and ready for victory. A total force of quality soldiers and civilians. It is a values-based organization; an integral part of the joint team; equipped with the most modern weapons and equipment the country can provide; able to respond to our Nation's needs; and changing to meet challenges of today, tomorrow, and the 21st century.*

*U.S. Army Mission - Preserve the peace and security, and provide for the defense of the United States, the Territories, Commonwealths, and Possessions, and any areas occupied by the United States; support national policies; implement national objectives; and overcome any nations responsible for aggressive acts that imperil the peace and security of the United States.*

## Synopsis

The initial product of the Force XXI process will be Army XXI - a versatile force with the capabilities to win the nation's wars, prevent conflict, and sustain operations. High-quality people using advanced technology gleaned from numerous battle laboratory evaluations and advanced warfighting experiments characterize Army XXI. Army XXI will use digital technology to optimize the flow of information and enhance situational awareness. Commanders and soldiers will have a much clearer picture of where friendly and enemy forces are located. This will improve command and control, reduce fratricide, and allow the synchronization of combat power at critical times and places. The Army intends to fully develop Army XXI as fast as resources will allow while simultaneously remaining trained and ready. The transition to the Army XXI design will occur between now and 2010.

The Army is on the cutting edge of a whole new way of warfighting. The current modernization strategy will field a full corps with information technology by 2010. Evolutionary improvements in combat systems will provide enhanced warfighting capabilities, while the addition of information technology will enhance situational awareness and assure information dominance. The Army will continue procuring new systems and improving current ones to ensure it harnesses the power of information.

Army XXI will maintain and improve upon America's warfighting edge. It will be more versatile and flexible than the current force and will possess a universal digitized information capability. It will be a power projection force that is more agile, more lethal, and, most important, better able to provide the nation full spectrum dominance. Army XXI will have the capabilities to win the nation's wars, establish order, prevent conflict, and sustain operations as long as required. The capabilities to compel, deter, reassure, and support will be the defining characteristics of Army XXI -- the 21st century force of decision.

Army XXI is an intermediate step to the Army After Next -- the Army of 2020 and beyond.



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## What Does This Mean for Military Public Health?

The following themes are common to other documents on our list.

- ◆ the tempo and complexity of military operations have continued to increase since the end of the Cold War. Emerging operational requirements establish the need for preventive medicine services which optimize human performance;
- ◆ the necessity to provide health threat assessments, appropriate countermeasures, and relevant information to the requesting commanders or policy makers in a near real time mode is a requirement for which we only have limited capability;
- ◆ by evaluating and optimizing the use of technology to obtain, evaluate, and disseminate this integrated health information to commanders, policy makers and individuals who can act to influence health and prevent diseases and injuries will provide us with a near real time capability; and
- ◆ we need to look at all our products and services to determine if their use results in promoting and maintaining a healthy and fit Force capable of operating effectively in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.